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(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the final order passed in the matter will be placed on the table?

A.—Yes. The Government have decided that no legislation should at present be undertaken to re-introduce the levy of tolls.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know whether the Government have under consideration any other proposals for compensating the local bodies for the loss suffered by them on account of the abolition of tolls? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government are proposing to make provision for special maintenance grants."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I know what amount will be set apart? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" About ten lakhs."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Petition from Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar and others for the construction of an easy flight of steps over the seven hills of Tirupati.

* 704 *Q*.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petition was presented to the Government by Mr. P. V. Nataraja Mudaliyar and hundreds of other worshippers of Sri Venkateswaraswami of Tirupati praying for the construction of an easy flight of steps over a causeway to relieve the sufferings of the orthodox pilgrims who have to fulfil their vows by climbing up the seven hills of Tirupati on foot;

(*b*) whether the Government received the petition and what, if any, was the action thereon;

(*c*) whether the Government referred the petition to the Tirumalai-Tirupati Devasthanams Committee, and if so, what reply did they receive from the Committee; and

(*d*) whether the orders passed by the Government on the petition were communicated to any of the signatories to the petition?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The petition was transferred to the Commissioner, Tirumalai-Tirupati Devasthanams, for disposal.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), may I know what the reply is of the Commissioner, Tirumalai-Tirupati Devasthanams? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Devasthanam Committee is to deal with the matter."

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Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" What is the opinion of the Government when the orthodox Hindus ask for special facilities? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government have not come to any decision yet."

Co-operation

Debit to the District Bank of the cost of notifications regarding the liquidation of rural societies.

* 705 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Bank is called upon to pay the cost of notifications in case of liquidation of any rural society within its area;

(*b*) whether the Government give any advance to cover such incidental expenses and recover it out of the realizations;

(*c*) the average period for which liquidation proceedings have continued in general and such period in the Anantapur district in particular; and

(*d*) whether the cost of the notifications regarding liquidation is entirely borne by the Government or whether it is recoverable with or without any interest?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) *&* (*d*) Clause (*a*) of rule XVII of the Rules under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, VI of 1932, provides that the appointment of the liquidator of a co-operative society shall be notified by the Registrar in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. Accordingly, notifications regarding the cancellation of the registration and the appointment of liquidators of rural societies are sent to the Superintendent, Government Press, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The costs are entirely borne by Government as the issue of a notification is a statutory duty imposed on the Registrar.

(*c*) The periods for which liquidation proceedings continue depend upon several factors and mainly upon the amount of assets to be recovered and the nature of the persons from whom the assets have to be recovered—their solvency, their tendency to litigation, etc. Generally, it takes about two to four years to complete the liquidation proceedings in societies and, in a large number of cases, it takes about three years. In the Anantapur district, liquidation proceedings are closed in about two years on the average.

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO:—" The answer says: 'The costs are entirely borne by Government as the issue of a notification is a statutory duty imposed on the Registrar.' May I request the Hon. Minister to order the refund of such costs collected from parties? "